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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES

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1. THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GON ARE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO NARCOTICS
USE OR TRAFFICKING AND WILL COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE
U.S. IN ANY EFFORT DIRECTED TO THIS PROBLEM.

2. THUS FAR THE USE OF NARCOTICS HAS NOT BEEN A SERIOUS PROBLEM
IN NICARAGUA. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE USE OF MARIJUANA
MAY BE GROWING AMONG STUDENTS. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN USED BY A
CONSIDERABLE NUMBER AMONG THE POOR. THERE ARE ALSO SOME
INDICATIONS OF THE USE OF AMPHETAMINES AS WELL AS MARIJUANA AMONG
CHILDREN OF THE WEALTHY.

3. THE AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF THE ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL
DANGERS. IN ADDITION TO INCREASING THEIR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, A
SOCIAL WORKER AND A PSYCHIATRIST ARE NOW WORKING PARTTIME
WITH THE POLICE NARCOTICS SQUAD TO PROVIDE COUNSELING AND
ORIENTATION SERVICES TO USERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. IN ADDITION
A THREE-PART PLAN HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND PRESENTED TO THE
MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT. THE MINISTER HAS APPROVED THE PLAN
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AND FUNDS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION HAVE BEEN REQUESTED IN THE 1975

BUDGET. THE PLAN ENVISAGES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPARTMENT OF COORDINATION WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING, CORRELATING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON DRUG USE AND ABUSE. DIAGNOSTIC DEPARTMENT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING PSYCHIATRIC, SOCIAL AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE THE CAUSES OF DRUG ABUSE BY INDIVIDUALS. THE DEPARTMENT OF PREVENTION AND DISSEMINATION WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTEMPTING TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC REGARDING DRUG ABUSE. A COPY OF THE SUMMARY OF THE PLAN WAS FORWARDED TO AMBASSADOR VANCE'S OFFICE ON OCTOBER 17.

3. AS A FURTHER EXAMPLE OF THE GROWING INTEREST IN COMBATTING DRUG ABUSE THE GUARDIA NACIONAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE DEPARTMENT OF MADRIZ HAS DEVELOPED A PROGRAM OF SCHOOL VISITS AT WHICH HE TALKS ON DRUG ABUSE.
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